

House Resolution No. 3215

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to honor Maxine Ivy Nelson, a Civil Rights Activist, on the occasion of her retirement from her position of Senior Investigator with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC); and

Whereas, Maxine Ivy Nelson started her career with the EEOC on March 4, 1970, only six years after the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

Whereas, Maxine Ivy Nelson had a remarkable thirty-eight year career with the EEOC, rising through the ranks from clerical employee to Investigator, Customer Supervisor, and finally Senior Investigator; and

Whereas, Maxine Ivy Nelson's distinguished career with the EEOC made a difference in the lives of countless individuals affected by unlawful employment discrimination through her tireless efforts toward finding violations of the law and achieving remedy and equality for the affected parties, and who was profiled for her work as a civil rights activist in a featured article in the Kansas City Star; and

Whereas, Maxine Ivy Nelson's work with the EEOC was recognized with numerous cash awards and more than one High Quality Step Increase for her outstanding work on behalf of the EEOC; and

Whereas, Maxine Ivy Nelson was the National Federal Women's Program Coordinator, serving on the Federal Executive Board in her capacity of Coordinator, and served with distinction in a number of civil rights organizations including the NAACP, SCLC, and National Association of Negro Business's and Professional Women's Club; and

Whereas, Maxine Ivy Nelson was recognized for her outreach activities as lecturer and trainer on behalf of the EEOC, with proclamations from the Midwest Health Congress, Community Action Agency Conference, Truman Medical Center East, Courtland Container Corporation, Webster University, and Park College; and

Whereas, Maxine Ivy Nelson will continue her legacy in civil rights as an author and activist and role model for her daughter, Yolanda Branch; her granddaughter, Joye' Branch' and fellow members of her church, the Lenexa Christian Center:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Maxine Ivy Nelson for her many years of exemplary service with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Maxine Ivy Nelson.

Offered by _____
Representative Leonard (Jonas) Hughes, IV
District No. 42

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3215, adopted May 21, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker